## **HOUSE RESOLUTION 153**

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A RESOLUTION to recognize The First Noelle for its work in Rutherford County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those organizations that are dedicated to improving the quality of life for the citizens in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is The First Noelle, a charity created in memory of Miranda "Noelle" Henson; and

WHEREAS, seventeen year old Noelle was a honor student at Siegel High School in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, before a tragic vehicle accident took her life; and

WHEREAS, Noelle planned to attend the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga to pursue education, Spanish, and a medical degree in order to meet the educational and medical needs of special needs children; and

WHEREAS, to honor the memory of Noelle, Don, Tina, and Hollee Henson founded The First Noelle with a mission to give books to kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children; and

WHEREAS, in their first year, The First Noelle gave three books per child to thirteen classes at two schools, and this year The First Noelle plans to give books to children in fourteen classes, including classes of pre-kindergarten, Governor's pre-kindergarten, and special needs pre-kindergarten children; and

WHEREAS, in addition to donating over 1,500 books, The First Noelle has set up a scholarship fund awarded annually to a Siegel High School student who plans to major in education or special education; and

WHEREAS, The First Noelle's motto is "Spreading a legacy One child and One book at a time," and the good work The First Noelle does in Rutherford County is a blessing to the

community, a fitting tribute to the memory of Miranda "Noelle" Henson, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize the outstanding contributions of The First Noelle and commend Don, Tina, and Hollee Henson for creating such an appropriate commemoration of Miranda "Noelle" Henson's life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.